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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NAVY/ARMY SURVEY TEAM FOR MINE CLEARING

1. US NAVY/ARMY MINE CLEARANCE SURVEY TEAM HEADED BY CAPTAIN EUGENE E. SHEEHY AND LT COL VINCENT A. LOPRESTI IS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE ITS MISSION. THE GROUP REPRESENTED THE FIRST IN-COUNTRY US MILITARY COOPERATION WITH EGYPTIANS SINCE OUR DIPLOMATIC BREAK IN 1967. ALTHOUGH US/EGYPTIAN DIALOGUE HAS IMPROVED GREATLY IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, THERE CONTINUES TO BE A RESIDUAL SENSE OF DISTRUST IN MANY EGYPTIAN MILITARY CIRCLES BECAUSE OF OUR AID TO ISRAEL. NOR DID TEAM'S UNDERSTANDABLY RESTRICTIVE TERMS OF REFERENCE MAKE THINGS ANY EASIER. IN THIS POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT SITUATION, TEAM MEMBERS ACQUITTED THEMSELVES
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WITH FINESSE AND SKILL. THEIR HELPFULNESS AND PRO-

FESSIONALISM IMPRESSED THE EGYPTIANS AND DID MUCH TO
DEVELOP A REASONABLE RAPPORT. I WANT TO COMMEND CAPTAIN
SHEEHY, LT COL LOPRESTI AND THE GROUP FOR A TASK WELL
DONE.

2. I HAVE ASKED CAPTAIN SHEEHY TO REMAIN OVER SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT IN EVENT THE SECRETARY OR
MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WOULD LIKE A BRIEFING ON MINE
CLEARANCE PROBLEM.
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